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Re: Public Records Act Requests Received on January 30, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Fairfield ("City") received your Public Records Act requests on January 30, 2019. Your request, comprised of four (4) unique requests, seeks a variety of statistics related to use of force incidents. In accordance with California Government Code section 6253, this letter serves as the City's written response to your requests.

Request:

1. The total number of police use of force incidents, broken down by type of force used, between 2013-2017 (separated by year).
2. The total number of people that police used force against, between 2013-2017 (separated by year).
3. The total number of police use of force complaints reported between 2013-2017 (separated by year).
4. The total number of police use of force complaints sustained between 2013-2017 (separated by year)."

City Response:

The City has located and identified 5 records that provide the information sought by your requests. These memos, drafted annually, breakdown use of force incidents by category. They have been enclosed with this letter. In addition, the City provided a brief cover letter detailing the numbers you requested. It too is enclosed with this letter.

Thank you for your request,

Dawn Shepherd

Police Support Manager - Records, Property & Evidence, Facilities
Fairfield Police Department



Memorandum

Police Department

Date: April 17th, 2019
To: MuckRock.com
From: Dave Reeves, Sergeant (PSU)
Subject: California Public Records Act Request

Pursuant to your request, you will find statistics related to Use of Force Incidents for the years 2013-2017 contained herein. They are as follows:

- 1) The total number of police use of force incidents, broken down by type of force used, between 2013-2017 (separated by year); SEE ATTACHED
- 2) The total number of people that police used force against, between 2013-2017 (separated by year); SEE ATTACHED
- 3) The total number of police use of force complaints reported between 2013-2017 are as follows:
2013- 0
2014- 1
2015- 2
2016- 1
2017- 0
- 4) The total number of police use of force complaints sustained between 2013-2017 are as follows:
2013- 0
2014- 0
2015- 0
2016- 0
2017- 0



Memorandum

Police Department

Date: March 26, 2018

To: Randy J. Fenn, Chief of Police

From: Dave Reeves, PSU Sergeant

Subject: Annual Use of Force Report 2017

The following information was compiled utilizing the data entered into the Blue Team database by Fairfield Police Department officers from January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017. The data is now permanently retained in the IA Pro database.

Total Number of Use of Force Incidents	427
Total Number of Officers Involved	483

<u>Type of Force</u>	<u>Count</u>
Baton	13
Carotid Restraints	2
Control Hold	162
Elbow	2
Hair Pull Takedown	9
Hand Strike	42
Handcuffs	34
Improvised Body Weapon	8
Improvised Weapon	4
K-9	8
Kick	6
Knee Strike	10
Leg Sweep	21
OC	1
Pepperball	1
Pushing/Pulling	153

Sage	3
Spit Sock	10
Takedown	54
Taser	51
Total:	661

<u>Citizen Resistance Tally (reason):</u>	<u>Count</u>
Assault	65
Combative	152
Fleeing	117
Resistive	370
Total:	704

<u>Tally of Charges Against Involved Citizens</u>	<u>Count</u>
5150	29
ADW	13
Battery	22
Battery on a Peace Officer	46
Child Abuse	6
Domestic Violence	31
Drug Charge	25
DUI	41
Evading a Peace Officer	36
PRCS	9
Probation/Parole	46
Public Intoxication	43
Resisting Arrest	279
Traffic	6
Trespass	31
Vandalism	12
Warrant	11
Weapon Possession Charge	16
Total:	702

<u>Citizen Taken to Hospital in Conjunction with UOF</u>	<u>Count</u>
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No	229
Yes	198
Total:	427

<u>Citizen Condition Tally</u>	<u>Count</u>
Condition or injury	
Complaint of Pain	25
Major	1
Minor	73
Moderate	8
No injuries noted	260
Redness/Abrasion	1
Refused Medical	1
Small scrapes from prior fall	1
Taser Darts	1
Taser Probe Contact Points	1
Treated at Hospital	38
Total:	410

<u>Citizen was Injured in Conjunction with Use of Force</u>	<u>Count</u>
No	299
Yes	128
Total:	427

<u>Citizen Arrested in Conjunction with Use of Force</u>	<u>Count</u>
No	54
Yes	373
Total:	427

<u>Officer Injured in Conjunction with Use of Force</u>	<u>Count</u>
No	377
Yes	50
Total:	427

<u>Officer Injury/Condition Tally</u>	<u>Count</u>
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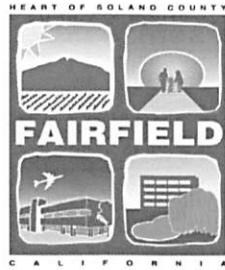
Complaint of Pain	14
Minor	18
Moderate	3
No injuries noted or visible	293
Treated at Hospital	4
Treated by EMS	1
Total:	333

<u>Officer Taken to Hospital in Conjunction with Use of Force</u>	<u>Count</u>
No	408
Yes	19
Total:	427

<u>Reason for Use of Force</u>	<u>Count</u>
(No Entry)	1
Crowd Control	3
Defend Another Person	12
Overcome Resistance	166
Prevent Escape	29
To Defend Self/Other Officer	54
To Effect an Arrest	162
Total:	427

<u>Type of Service Being Rendered at time of Use of Force</u>	<u>Count</u>
(No Entry)	1
Call for Service	295
Mental Health Evaluation	22
Pedestrian Stop	40
Probation/Parole Search	5
Search Warrant	15
SWAT Operation	1
Traffic Stop	48
Total:	427

Average age of involved citizen: 32

**Memorandum****Police Department**

Date: February 22, 2017
 To: Joseph Allio, Chief of Police
 From: Aaron Bertsch, PSU Sergeant
 Subject: Annual Use of Force Report 2016

The following information was compiled utilizing the data entered into the Blue Team database by Fairfield Police Department officers from January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016. The data is now permanently retained in the IA Pro database.

Total Number of Use of Force Incidents:	383
Total Number of Officers Involved:	419

Type of Force:	Total
Baton	13
Carotid Restraints	1
Control Hold	125
Elbow	7
Hair Pull Takedown	3
Hand Strike	22
Handcuffs	26
Improvised Body Weapon	10
K-9	11
Kick	5
Knee Strike	17
Leg Sweep	18
Pepperball	1
Pushing/Pulling	96
RIPP	68
Spit Sock	12
Takedown	61
Taser	47

<u>Citizen Resistance Tally (reason):</u>	<u>Count</u>
Assault	73
Combative	146
Fleeing	109
Resistive	315

Total: **643**

<u>Tally of Charges Against Involved Citizens:</u>	<u>Count</u>
5150	20
ADW	17
Battery	18
Battery on a Peace Officer	38
Child Abuse	3
Domestic Violence	17
Drug Charge	30
DUI	27
Evading a Peace Officer	24
PRCS	4
Probation/Parole	41
Prostitution Crime	2
Public Intoxication	41
Resisting Arrest	252
Traffic	11
Trespass	27
Vandalism	25
Warrant	30
Weapon Possession Charge	20

Total: **647**

<u>Citizen Injured in Conjunction with Use of Force:</u>	<u>Count</u>
No	261
Yes	121
(No Entry)	1

Total: **383**

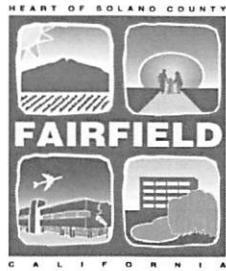
<u>Officer Injured in Conjunction with Use of Force:</u>	<u>Count</u>
No	351
Yes	31
(No Entry)	1

Total: **383**

<u>Reason for Use of Force:</u>	<u>Count</u>
(No Entry)	2
Crowd Control	1
Defend Another Person	6
Overcome Resistance	155
Prevent Escape	30
To Defend Self/Other Officer	59
To Effect an Arrest	130
Total:	383

<u>Type of Service Being Rendered at time of Use of Force:</u>	<u>Count</u>
Unknown (No Entry)	2
Call for Service	268
Mental Health Evaluation	17
Pedestrian Stop	33
Probation/Parole Search	1
Search Warrant	9
Traffic Stop	49
Undercover Operation	4
Total:	383

C: Steve Crane, Police Captain
 Brad Collins, Police Lieutenant



Memorandum

Police Department

Date: March 23, 2016

To: Chief Joe Allio

From: Aaron Bertsch, PSU Sergeant

CC: Captain Randy Fenn

CC: Lieutenant Brad Collins

Subject: Annual Use of Force Report 2015

The following information was compiled utilizing the data entered into the Blue Team database by Fairfield Police Department officers from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. The data is now permanently retained in the IA Pro database.

Total Number of Use of Force Incidents:	283
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Total Number of Officers Involved:	295
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Type of Force:	Total
Baton	10
Carotid Restraints	1
Control Hold	76
Elbow	4
Hair Pull Takedown	5
Hand Strike	15
Handcuffs	17
Improvised Body Weapon	2
K-9	8
Kick	4
Knee Strike	6
Leg Sweep	7
Pepperball	1
Pushing/Pulling	65
RIPP	59
Spit Sock	4
Takedown	56
Taser	35

<u>Citizen Resistance Tally (reason):</u>	<u>Count</u>
Assault	41
Combative	92
Fleeing	70
Resistive	194
Total:	397
<u>Tally of Charges Against Involved Citizens:</u>	<u>Count</u>
5150	21
ADW	10
Battery	6
Battery on a Peace Officer	23
Child Abuse	4
Domestic Violence	14
Drug Charge	12
DUI	18
Evading a Peace Officer	10
PRCS	3
Probation/Parole	14
Prostitution Crime	3
Prostitution Offense	1
Public Intoxication	22
Resisting Arrest	168
Traffic	3
Trespass	18
Vandalism	8
Warrant	22
Weapon Possession Charge	11
Total:	391
<u>Citizen Injured in Conjunction with Use of Force:</u>	<u>Count</u>
No	196
Yes	87
Total:	283
<u>Officer Injured in Conjunction with Use of Force:</u>	<u>Count</u>
No	263
Yes	20
Total:	283

<u>Reason for Use of Force:</u>	<u>Count</u>
(No Entry)	1
Crowd Control	1
Defend Another Person	7
Overcome Resistance	91
Prevent Escape	27
To Defend Self/Other Officer	50
To Effect an Arrest	106
Total:	283

<u>Type of Service Being Rendered at time of Use of Force:</u>	<u>Count</u>
Unknown (No Entry)	1
Call for Service	191
Mental Health Evaluation	31
Pedestrian Stop	27
Search Warrant	2
SWAT Operation	2
Traffic Stop	24
Undercover Operation	5
Total:	283

2014

**USE OF FORCE
DATA AND INFORMATION**

**PREPARED BY INVESTIGATOR TIMOTHY GRACE
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT**

**FAIRFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
MAY 2015**

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The department handled 67,206 calls for service and initiated 25,416 on-view contacts. The department documented 13,340 cases for the year and made 3,609 in-custody arrests in 2014. During this time the Professional Standards Unit received 172 crime reports dealing with use of force issues. All reports were reviewed for content and to ascertain if the information was accurately documented to explain what type of force was used and why force was necessary.

CALLS:

Drunk in Public	25	Traffic	7
Domestic Violence	16	Disturbance	4
Mental Health	7	Theft	3
Burglary	4	Stolen Vehicle	
Drunk Driving	6	Trespass	11
Threats	11	Vandalism	5
Weapons	9	Assault / Battery	19
Assault with Weapon	7	Parole / Probation	19
Robbery	2	Narcotics/Sales	17
Miscellaneous	26	Homicide	1

VIOLATION(S) CHARGED:

Delay/Obstruct Officer	129	H & S	14
Drunk in Public	25	Traffic	6
Prob / Parole Violation	30	Battery (243b/c)	19
Pursuits	2	Stolen Vehicle	0
Domestic Violence	14	Burglary	4
Trespass	9	Robbery	2
Disturbing the Peace	4	Mental Health	7
Assault Deadly Weapon	5	Poss. Stolen Property	1
Child/Elder Abuse	4	Weapons possession	8
Terrorist Threats	4	Theft	3
Battery	4	Miscellaneous	20
D.U.I.	4	Vandalism	5
Warrants	24	Homicide	1

265 individual officers were involved in the 172 crime reports dealing with the use of force during 2014. The Carotid Restraint was applied on one occasion. Out of the 172 use of force reports a total of 69 suspects were injured and 24 officers were injured. Each of the cases used proper procedure in the application and documentation of the incidents.

Use of Force: Hands

The largest number of use of force incidents was recorded in the hands category. The force ranged from individuals passively resisting to individuals physically fighting with officers. This method of force was utilized 187 times. It was the sole use of force during 74 of those incidents. When hands were the sole use of force deployed, 2 officers were injured and 18 suspects were injured. Proper procedures were used in all of the incidents.

Officers using hands use of force on one occasion	20
Officers using hands use of force on two occasions	21
Officers using hands use of force on three occasions	10
Officers using hands use of force on four occasions	6
Officers using hands use of force on five occasions	3
Officers using hands use of force on six occasions	4
Officers using hands use of force on seven occasions	1
Officers using hands use of force on eight occasions	2
Officers using hands use of force on nine occasions	1
Officers using hands use of force on ten occasions	0
Officers using hands use of force on eleven occasions	0
Officers using hands use of force on fifteen occasions	0

Use of Force: Taser

There were 27 incidents in which the Taser use of force was implemented, 3 times as the only deployment of force, 24 times in combination with other force options. During the deployment of the Taser as the only force option, there were 3 suspects injured and no officers injured. Since the Taser fires a pair of darts that need to be removed by a physician, this is recorded as an injury and explains the high percentage of injuries to suspects. All uses of the Taser were within policy.

Officers using Taser use of force on one occasion	20
Officers using Taser use of force on two occasions	1
Officers using Taser use of force on three occasions	2
Officers using Taser use of force on four occasions	0
Officers using Taser use of force on five occasions	0
Officers using Taser use of force on six occasions	1
Officers using Taser use of force on seven occasions	0

Use of Force: Baton

There were 11 incidents in which the use of force included the baton, and one incident with a baton as the only deployment of force, 10 times in combination with other force options. Suspects were injured in all baton deployments. Officers were injured during 5 of the deployments. All uses of the baton were within department policy.

Officers using baton use of force on one occasion	9
Officers using baton use of force on two occasions	6
Officers using baton use of force on three occasions	0
Officers using baton use of force on four occasions	0

Use of Force: OC Spray

An officer used Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray on 1 occasion as a use of force option and was used in combination with other use of force options. One suspect sustained minor injuries in the deployment and it was within department policy.

Use of Force: K-9

Police canines were deployed 402 times and they made 28 finds. Canines assisted in 196 arrests and had 14 bites. All canine deployments were within department policy. There was one incident that was deemed a training issue and that issue is still in litigation.

Bite Find	No Bite	Arrest Assists	Patrol Deployment	Narcotics Deployment
14	14	196	298	104

Use of Force: Gun

There were three incidents in 2014, in which officers fired their weapons. **done**

Use of Force: Sage

The Sage was used on 1 occasion as a use of force option and was used in combination with other use of force options. One suspect sustained minor injuries in the deployment and it was within department policy.

Use of Force: Pepper Ball

There were no incidents in which the pepper ball gun was deployed in 2014.

Use of Force: RIPP restraint

The RIPP restraint was deployed 43 times.

Use of Force: Miscellaneous

This category includes the use of feet, legs, knees, elbows and punches and is recorded under the deployment of Personal Body Weapons.

Use of Force: Combinations (Pending canine numbers)

There were 68 incidents that involved multiple types of use of force. These incidents resulted in 37 suspect injuries and 15 officer injuries. The miscellaneous category includes personal body weapons, Carotid, Spit Sock, and the ballistic shield.

<u>TYPES</u>	<u>OCCURRENCES</u>	<u>SUSPECT INJURED</u>	<u>OFFICER INJURED</u>
Hands/Misc	19	7	3
Hands/RIPP	18	6	4
Hands/Misc/RIPP	3	1	1
Hands/Taser	11	8	1
Hands/Taser/RIPP	3	2	1
Hands/Misc/Taser	3	3	0
Hands/Baton	2	1	1
Hands/Baton/RIPP	0	2	1
Hands/K-9/Misc		0	0
Hands/K-9/RIPP		0	0
Hands/K-9/Taser/RIPP		0	0
Hands/Misc/K-9		0	0
Hands/Taser/Baton	2	2	1
Hands/O.C./Taser/Baton	1	1	0
Taser/Misc	1	1	0
Baton/Taser/RIPP	1	0	0
Baton/Taser/Misc	1	1	1
Hands/Misc/Baton/K-9		0	0
Hands/Taser/Baton/K-9	1	1	0
Hands/Carotid/Misc	1	0	0

Sage/Taser/Misc

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Use of Force-Pepper Ball	6
Use of Force-Miscellaneous.....	6
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The department handled 62,862 calls for service and initiated 28,932 on-view contacts. The department documented 13,101 cases for the year and made 4,414 in-custody arrests in 2013. During this time the Professional Standards Unit received 243 crime reports dealing with use of force issues. All reports were reviewed for content and to ascertain if the information was accurately documented to explain what type of force was used and why force was necessary.

CALLS:

Drunk in Public	19	Traffic	10
Domestic Violence	8	Disturbance	1
Mental Health	6	Theft	3
Burglary	4	Stolen Vehicle	4
Drunk Driving	6	Trespass	6
Threats	27	Vandalism	5
Weapons	10	Assault / Battery	29
Assault with Weapon	13	Parole / Probation	32
Robbery	2	Narcotics/Sales	21
Miscellaneous	26	Homicide	1

VIOLATION(S) CHARGED:

Delay/Obstruct Officer	108	H & S	21
Drunk in Public	20	Traffic	7
Prob / Parole Violation	30	Battery (243b/c)	7
Pursuits	7	Stolen Vehicle	4
Domestic Violence	23	Burglary	4
Trespass	6	Robbery	4
Disturbing the Peace	1	Mental Health	6
Assault Deadly Weapon	13	Poss. Stolen Property	1
Child Abuse	5	Weapons possession	10
Terrorist Threats	11	Theft	3
Battery	6	Miscellaneous	20
D.U.I.	6	Vandalism	5
Warrants	17	Homicide	1

291 individual officers were involved in the 243 crime reports dealing with the use of force during 2013. The Carotid Restraint was applied on two occasions. Out of the 243 use of force reports a total of 87 suspects were injured and 17 officers were injured. 242 cases used proper procedure in the application and documentation of the incidents, one case is under review.

Use of Force: Hands

The largest number of use of force incidents was recorded in the hands category. The force ranged from individuals passively resisting to individuals physically fighting with officers. This method of force was utilized during 243 incidents. It was the sole use of force during 54 of those incidents. When hands were the sole use of force deployed, 1 officer was injured and 19 suspects were injured. Proper procedures were used in all but one hand related force incidents.

Officers using hands use of force on one occasion	18
Officers using hands use of force on two occasions	15
Officers using hands use of force on three occasions	9
Officers using hands use of force on four occasions	14
Officers using hands use of force on five occasions	5
Officers using hands use of force on six occasions	0
Officers using hands use of force on seven occasions	3
Officers using hands use of force on eight occasions	3
Officers using hands use of force on nine occasions	3
Officers using hands use of force on ten occasions	0
Officers using hands use of force on eleven occasions	0
Officers using hands use of force on fifteen occasions	1

Use of Force: Taser

There were 39 incidents in which the Taser use of force was implemented, 1 use as the only deployment of force, 24 times in combination with other force options. During the deployment of the Taser as the only force option, there were 16 suspects injured and no officers injured. Since the Taser fires a pair of darts that need to be removed by a physician, this is recorded as an injury and explains the high percentage of injuries to suspects. All uses of the Taser were within policy.

Officers using Taser use of force on one occasion	17
Officers using Taser use of force on two occasions	6
Officers using Taser use of force on three occasions	1
Officers using Taser use of force on four occasions	0
Officers using Taser use of force on five occasions	0
Officers using Taser use of force on six occasions	0
Officers using Taser use of force on seven occasions	1

Use of Force: Baton

There were 14 incidents in which the use of force included the baton, no incidents with a baton as the only deployment of force, 14 times in combination with other force options. Suspects were injured in all baton deployments. Officers were injured during 5 of the deployments. All uses of the baton were within department policy.

Officers using baton use of force on one occasion	10
Officers using baton use of force on two occasions	5
Officers using baton use of force on three occasions	1
Officers using baton use of force on four occasions	0

Use of Force: OC Spray

An officer used Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray on 1 occasion as a use of force option and was used in combination with other use of force options. One suspect sustained minor injuries in the deployment and it was within department policy.

Use of Force: K-9

Police canines were deployed 231 times in 2013, and they made 22 finds. Canines assisted in 168 arrests and had 6 bites. All canine deployments were within department policy.

Bite	Find	No Bite	Arrest Assists	Patrol Deployment	Narcotics Deployment
13	22	68		143	139

Use of Force: Gun

There were three incidents in 2013, in which officers fired their weapons.

Use of Force: Sage

There were no incidents in which the sage was deployed in 2013.

Use of Force: Pepper Ball

There were no incidents in which the pepper ball gun was deployed in 2013.

Use of Force: RIPP restraint

The RIPP restraint was deployed 52 times.

Use of Force: Miscellaneous

This category includes the use of feet, legs, knees, elbows and punches and is recorded under the deployment of Personal Body Weapons.

Use of Force: Combinations

There were 86 incidents that involved multiple types of use of force. These incidents resulted in 59 suspect injuries and 6 officer injuries. The miscellaneous category includes personal body weapons, Carotid, Spit Sock, and the ballistic shield.

<u>TYPES</u>	<u>OCCURRENCES</u>	<u>SUSPECT INJURED</u>	<u>OFFICER INJURED</u>
Hands/Misc	19	11	0
Hands/RIPP	27	12	1
Hands/Misc/RIPP	5	2	1
Hands/Taser	4	4	0
Hands/Taser/RIPP	2	2	0
Hands/Misc/Taser	3	3	0
Hands/Misc/Taser/RIPP	1	1	1
Hands/Baton	3	2	0
Hands/Baton/RIPP	3	3	1
Hands/K-9	2	2	0
Hands/K-9/Misc	1	1	0
Hands/K-9/RIPP	1	1	0
Hands/K-9/Taser/RIPP	1	1	0
Hands/Misc/K-9	1	1	0
Hands/Misc/Baton	2	2	1
Hands/Taser/Baton	1	1	0
Hands/Taser/Baton/Misc	4	4	1
Hands/O.C./Taser	1	1	0
Taser/Misc	1	1	0
Hands/Misc/Baton/K-9	1	1	0
Hands/Taser/Baton/K-9	1	1	0
Hands/Carotid	2	2	0